



The Optimist Club of Treynor, Treynor, IA
Iowa District, Zone 2 Club Number 40-109
Iowa District Governor: Jane Schmidt
Lt Governor: George Volz

NEWSLETTER

Treynor Optimist Club President:
Dale Willenborg



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Jeff Casey, Treynor Football Coach



It was a short night for Coach Casey as he had a 3 hr. drive home from Eldora, where the Treynor Football team played in the Quarter Finals Fri.

Jeff stated he is super proud of the kids to get that far. They had the ball in the last six minutes of

the game. He told himself to not score too fast so as not to let South Hardin have the ball. The kids played hard. It is South Hardin's first trip in school history to move on to The Dome where they play West Lyon next Friday.

Treynor finished the season with 9 wins, two losses, and it was the 13th time in school history to go to the Quarter Finals. From 2018-2025, the team has had 67 wins and 15 losses with an 80% win percentage. Casey stated if a team has 7 wins and two losses every year, you will have a good program. This was the highest scoring varsity team since 1971.

Coach Casey doesn't see this trend changing at all. There is a good group of students coming back next year. The Juniors are ENORMOUS in size. He sees his son, Brock and Riley Lauver as receivers next year. The JV were undefeated this year.

There are a handful of kids that helped rewrite the record books. Jett Sorenson is so good! Jett finished #4 in rushing yards and #4 in rushing touchdowns. He is loved and hated by other schools because of his talent!

Ethan Hill had a great season as quarterback and is a very versatile player playing many different positions throughout his career. He started on varsity as a freshman. Ethan finished 2nd all time for passing yards and passing touchdowns.

Jude Mieska is #4 All Time as leading receiver. Brock Casey is #5 on the same list and is a junior.

There are twelve seniors this year and Casey has coached 11 of them for all four years, stating they were the most athletic class that he has coached.

Jeff takes great pride in teaching the kids how to win and do a good job, stating that Treynor has lots of good talent and these great kids will be tough to replace.

State and District award winners will be announced soon. Of the 12 seniors, 7 or 8 will be named Academic All State, which is open only for Seniors. There are a few 4.0 seniors.

Coach Casey has 8 assistant coaches and 6 of those even played for him. Steve Chambers was a coach for Jeff and now an assistant coach. There are a lot of Treynor roots on his staff who are close knit and best of friends.

Jeff closed with his principle taken from Matt Rhule, Nebraska's Football Coach: "When you walk through the school, tell anyone hello or make a point to smile at them. Make them feel welcome and good about themselves."

Thanks to Kathy Luedke for taking notes!

Next Week's Program

Susan Enewold

CARES Program

Famous Quote:

"The battles that count aren't the ones for gold medals. The struggles within yourself – the invisible battles inside all of us – that's where it's at."

Jesse Owens

Meeting Minutes

President Dale Willenborg called the meeting to order. 15 members were present. Guests: Coach Jeff Casey, Lt. Gov. George Volz, Cindy and Thomas Biederman.

Prayer: Dale Willenborg

Jokes: Keith Denton

50/50: Kathy Luedke

Attendance: John Klein

Football Pool: Kevin Underwood won.

Birthdays/Anniversaries: We celebrated Ken & Linda Graham's wedding anniversary on the 6th.

Bragging Rights: (Dollars are contributed to benefit local youth programs.)

- Keith Denton: His granddaughter Lily was KMA's Athlete of the Year for CB. She attends St Albert Catholic School and will go to the University of Texas.
- Keith Denton: He watched a free YouTube story regarding WWII. The caption of the story was Harlan, IA regarding a farmer with bee hives.
- Kathy Luedke: Granddaughter, Breeley, graduated from BMT at Lackland AFB, TX and will attend tech school at Lackland AFB, TX.
- Cindy Biederman: Son, John Ross, graduates from BMT soon and will attend tech school in Biloxi, MS.
- Steve Irvin: Granddaughter finished 84th out of 160th at State Cross Country, which was run by the best athletes in Iowa.
- Jim Clausen: Treynor Football team
- Gary Gutttau: Treynor Football team
- Gary Gutttau: Finished tilling garden
- Ken Graham: Grandson got married on Friday in Treynor.
- Ken Graham: Granddaughter's Cross Country competition
- Jerry Hemphill: Treynor Football team, loved all the plays.
- Jerry Hemphill: Chaley Rath, Jerry's daughter-in-law, spoke last week and this week was named KMALAND Cross Country Coach of the Year.

- Dale Willenborg: Visited Iowa State Capitol with grandkids. It is the biggest and fanciest in the country.

Business:



- **Cindy and Thomas Biederman** received Can Kennel checks from President **Willenborg** for \$593.60 for the Cub Scouts and \$980.70 for the Boy Scouts. The money will be used for supplies for

STEM Night, camping supplies, and gas to go to camps.

- Cindy Biederman passed out flyers for STEM Adventure Night on November 13 from 6:30 – 8:00 PM at Impact Hill, Oakland. It is a free family event. Gary and Dee Gutttau will help with activities. This is open to all families. It is an encouragement for kids to sign up for Scouts. Or kids can attend the next meeting on Monday, Nov. 17.
- Lt. Governor George Volz spoke about a new Facebook page for the Optimist Club, known as "Southwest Iowa Optimist", which will hook all clubs together. Social media marketing will be used to market all clubs in SW Iowa and to encourage people to join clubs. Advertising on FB costs, but the district has funds. Needed is a Co-Advent to follow up with leads within 24 hours. Marketing will begin in January, and he is looking for clubs to participate.
- Our club has received \$300 from Optimist International. Our club needs to develop a plan for using this money. The goal is to encourage optimism across Iowa.
- George is developing his club visit schedule and invites any member to join him and to learn from other clubs. Two upcoming events are Nov. 19- visit the Cobra Club of CB at the Iowa West Fieldhouse with George. Nov. 24, Zone Meeting for all members with the Riverside Club hosting a potluck at the Oakland Community Center.
- A NOW meeting needs to be scheduled by our club. A CARE meeting is a celebration with cake to share with others the achievements of

our club. If we do it, we can invite an outside person to emcee.

- George encouraged our group to participate in the Youth Oratorical Contest. We need to talk with the school before the first of the year. Home school students can be identified by the school and asked to participate.
- Plan on Monday, Nov. 10 to meet at 4 PM at the Treynor Community Center to put up flags on the Highway for Veteran's Day on Tuesday. Let Dale know if you can help.

Community:

- Dale reminded the group about the Treynor High School play, "Something Rotten, Jr." Sat. evening and Sunday afternoon.
- John Klein stated this is a good time to remember the food pantry locally and perhaps have a fundraiser because we have no idea when Snap Funds will be released by the government due to the shut-down.
- John Klein announced that the bond issue for Iowa Western was approved by voters.
- Zion Congregational Church: a Baked Potato Bar Nov. 9. Prayers for Taiya and family.

Events this week:

- **Sat. Nov. 8-** Regional Girls Swim meet @ Johnston
- **Sat. Nov. 8** – THS Musical @ Treynor @2:30 PM
- **Sun. Nov. 9** – THS Musical @ Treynor @7:30 PM
- **Tues. Nov. 11** – 7th/8th grade Boys BB @ Glenwood
- **Tues. Nov. 11-** Veterans Day program 11 AM @ Treynor High School Theater
- **Thurs. Nov. 13** – Jr H Girls Wrestling @ Logan Magnolia
- **Thurs. Nov. 13-** 7th/8th G/B Basketball @ Logan Magnolia
- **Fri. Nov. 14** – SWIBA JH Honor Band Auditions @ Denison
- **Sat. Nov. 15** – Vars Girls BB vs AL @ Treynor
- **Sun. Nov. 16** – Treynor Legion Bingo – 6:30 PM

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

HUMOR

Got up this morning
and ran around the
block 5 times. Then
I got tired, so I picked
up the block and put it
back in the toy box.

CALENDAR

Events:

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| Nov. 10 | 4:00 PM – Put up flags on Hwy 92 for Veterans Day |
| Nov. 15 | Optimist Meeting 8:00-9:00 AM, Treynor Community Center |
| Nov. 19 | Visit Cobra Club – CB with George Volz |
| Nov. 24 | Zone Mtg – Potluck, Oakland Comm Cent. |

Birthdays:

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| Nov. 18 | Phil Waggoner |
| Nov. 18 | Dianne Willenborg |
| Nov. 22 | Kathy Luedke |

Anniversaries:

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| Nov. 22 | John & Carol Klein |
| Nov. 25 | Ward & Suzanne Chambers |

Programs:

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| November | Linda Danker (3 rd /4 th Sat.)
Judy Gutttau (5 th Sat.) |
| December | Mick and Judy Gutttau |

Speakers

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| Nov. 15 | Susan Enewold – CARES Program |
| Nov. 22 | Terry Richardson, Judge Richard Distillary, Carson, IA |
| Nov. 29 | Korbin Horton, 2025 SE Asia Mission Trip |
| Dec. 6 | Richard Miller – Local Expert on Historic Indians in the area. |
| Dec. 13 | Doug Jensen, Candidate for US Congress |
| Dec. 20 | Josh Bintz – Physical Therapist – his new information! |
| Dec. 27 | TBA |